Setting up of Military cantonment in Doda

357. SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a military cantonment has been set up in district Doda of Jammu in pursuance of an assurance given by the Minister of State for Home Affairs; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) A decision has been taken to set up a Military Station at Bhaderwah and the necessary administrative and financial sanction has been issued by the Government of India for the purpose.

The land has since been taken over by Defence Estates authorities and handed over to the Army.

Election in Jammu and Kashmir under auspices

358. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the so-called "All parties Hurriat Conference" had demanded that elections in Jammu and Kashmir should be held under the auspices of the United Nations;

(b) if so, whether the demand was rejected in so far as the election in a State is purely an internal affairs of India; and

(c) what is the precise stand of Government on this demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (c) Under the Constitution and the Law, there are well established procedures and regulations for the conduct of election in the state of Jammu and Kashmir, under the supervision of the Election Commission. The Election Commission ensure free and fair elections. Under these circumstances, we do not visualise any role for any external agency

Amount cleared for plan expenditure of Jammu and Kashmir

359. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to sate:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per a report published in Hindustan Times dated 21st November; 1994, Government have cleared an amount of Rs. 950 crore as plan expenditure for for the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether it is also a fact that definite schemes have been identified for implementation on which this amount is to be spent;

(c) if so, the main features thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the amount of Rs. 950 crore is to be spent proportionately on all the three regions of the State, namely Jammu, Ladakh and the Valley:

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether it is also a fact that Government have decided to waive the recovery of debt amounting to Rs. 860 crore due from that State; and

(g) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVANESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (g) The Approved Plan outlay of Jammu & Kashmir for the year 94-95 is Rs. 950 crores. The sector wise/schemewise outlay of this plan is givin in enclosed Statement (See below). This outlay is approved for the State as a whole. There is no earmarking region-wise or districtwise It is for the state to decide the region-wise or district-wise allocations. The Ministry of Finance has started releasing the normal Central Assistance.